## Patent Claims

- 1 1. Method for authenticating a first object to at least one further object, in particular a vehicle to a key, comprising the steps of:
- a) transmitting an item of information unidirectionally between the first object
   and the at least one further object,
- b) calculating a computation result in the relevant receiving object from parts of the transmitted information,
- c) comparing the calculated computation result with a computation result transferred with the information, and
- 9 d) if there is a match authenticating the vehicle, declaring the computation result as invalid for further transmissions.
- Method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the information is sent from a vehicle as a first object and received by a key as at least one further object.
- Method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein as parts of the information, a random number and an incremental or decrementable item of data which is stored in at least one further object if it matches the computation result, is transferred, and after each transmission of the information, regardless of a successful receipt, the item of data is incremented or decremented before new information is sent.
- 4. Method in accordance with Claim 2, wherein as parts of the information, a random number and an incremental or decrementable item of data which is stored in at least one further object if it matches the computation result, is transferred, and that after each transmission of the information, regardless of a successful receipt, the item of data is incremented or decremented before new information is sent.
- Method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein a counter state or item of time data is transferred as the item of data that can be incremented.

- 1 6. Method in accordance with Claim 2, wherein a counter state or item of time data
- 2 is transferred as the item of data that can be incremented.
- 1 7. Method in accordance with Claim 5, wherein the result is only calculated when
- 2 the transferred item of data is greater than the stored item of data.
- 1 8. Method in accordance with Claim 5, wherein when the transferred result and the
- 2 calculated result match, the incrementable item of data is increased so that the
- 3 transferred result becomes invalid.
- 1 9. Method in accordance with Claim 7, wherein when the transferred result and the
- 2 calculated result match, the incrementable item of data is increased so that the
- 3 transferred result becomes invalid.
- 1 10. Method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the result is computed in at least
- 2 one further object using a cryptological computation algorithm known there and
- 3 a code word.

- 1 11. Method for authenticating a vehicle to at a key comprising the steps of:
- 2 a) transmitting an item of information unidirectionally between the vehicle and the key,
- b) calculating a computation result in the key from parts of the transmitted information,
- c) comparing the calculated computation result with a computation result transferred with the information, and
- d) if there is a match authenticating the vehicle, declaring the computation result as invalid for further transmissions.
- 1 12. Method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein as parts of the information, a
  2 random number and an incremental or decrementable item of data which is
  3 stored in the key if it matches the computation result, is transferred, and after
  4 each transmission of the information, regardless of a successful receipt, the item
  5 of data is incremented or decremented before new information is sent.
- 1 13. Method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein a counter state or item of time 2 data is transferred as the item of data that can be incremented.
- 1 14. Method in accordance with Claim 13, wherein the result is only calculated when 2 the transferred item of data is greater than the stored item of data.
- 1 15. Method in accordance with Claim 13, wherein when the transferred result and 2 the calculated result match, the incrementable item of data is increased so that 3 the transferred result becomes invalid.
- 1 16. Method in accordance with Claim 14, wherein when the transferred result and
  2 the calculated result match, the incrementable item of data is increased so that
  3 the transferred result becomes invalid.
- 1 17. Method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein the result is computed in the key using a cryptological computation algorithm known there and a code word.